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## **Glacier National Park** News Release

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## Glacier Staff to Host East Side "Show Me" Day Friday, May 2 Sun Tours to provide shuttle service

WEST GLACIER, MONT. -- Glacier National Park officials today announced that Hudson Bay District staff will host an east side "Show Me" Day on Friday, May 2 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. National Park Service employees will host the public viewing opportunity of the east side Going-to-the-Sun Road plowing to provide area residents and park visitors an opportunity to view the annual snow removal. No entrance fees will be charged.

Visitors will have the option of bicycling, hiking or traveling to the Siyeh Bend area via park vehicles. Parking will be available for participants at the Rising Sun boat launch parking lot where they will be transported by Sun Tours to the viewing area across from Siyeh Bend. Public parking will be lower down the Sun Road this year due to the volume of debris along the road from recent avalanches. Transportation will be provided to the viewing area by Sun Tours, Glacier's concessioner for interpretive tours which highlight Blackfeet culture and history relating to the park.

Park personnel expect to be plowing near Siyeh Bend on May 2. Park ranger-naturalists will have spotting scopes set up and will also be on hand to answer questions and provide information about the annual spring road opening.

Avalanches and rock fall as well as snow conditions dictate that the events be closely coordinated. Weather hazards, equipment breakdowns and/or poor visibility could cause a last-minute cancellation. In that event, announcements will be broadcast on local radio stations NO LATER THAN 8:30 a.m. Friday morning.

Viewers should expect winterlike conditions and be prepared for cold, wet weather, and unexpected storms. Participants are urged to bring warm, protective clothing and wear sturdy treaded boots for walking in snow and slush. Sunglasses and sunscreen are also recommended. NO food or water will be available.

For additional information, please call the St. Mary Visitor Center at 406-732-7750.

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